

# SENATE BILL No. 321

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 36-1-7-2; IC 36-8.

**Synopsis:** Contracts for fire and emergency services. Beginning July 1, 2016, requires a city or town (municipality) that does not operate a fire department or participate in a fire protection territory or fire protection district to issue a request for proposals and award the contract for fire protection services or emergency medical services (services) under the public purchasing law, unless: (1) the equipment, personnel, and services are provided to the municipality without charge; or (2) the services are provided to a municipality in response to a request for assistance or under the state emergency management compact. Removes a provision that allows a township to provide fire protection services or emergency services inside a city, town, or included town without a contract.

**Effective:** July 1, 2015.

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January 8, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Local Government.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning local government.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 36-1-7-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
2 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 2. (a) A power that may be  
3 exercised by an Indiana political subdivision and by one (1) or more  
4 other governmental entities may be exercised:  
5 (1) by one (1) or more entities on behalf of others; or  
6 (2) jointly by the entities.  
7 Entities that want to do this must, by ordinance or resolution, enter into  
8 a written agreement under section 3 or 9 of this chapter.  
9 (b) Notwithstanding subsection (a), Indiana governmental entities  
10 that want only to buy, sell, or exchange services, supplies, or  
11 equipment between or among themselves may enter into contracts to  
12 do this and follow section 12 of this chapter.  
13 (c) **Notwithstanding subsections (a) and (b), after June 30, 2016,**  
14 **if IC 36-8-2.5 applies to the provision of:**  
15 (1) **fire protection services;**  
16 (2) **emergency medical services; or**



(3) both services under both subdivisions (1) and (2);  
to a municipality, the municipality shall comply with the  
requirements of IC 36-8-2.5 instead of this chapter.

SECTION 2. IC 36-8-2.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
AS A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
JULY 1, 2015]:

**Chapter 2.5. Contracting for Fire Protection and Emergency  
Medical Services**

**Sec. 1.** This chapter applies only to a municipality that does not:

- (1) operate a municipal fire department; or
- (2) participate in a fire protection territory or fire protection district.

**Sec. 2.** This chapter does not apply to the following:

- (1) A contract or agreement for equipment, personnel, and services that are provided to a municipality without charge. The following are not considered the provision of equipment, personnel, and services to the municipality for a charge:

- (A) The provider's recovery of expenses related to the provision of the service to the municipality from a third party.

- (B) The provider's receipt of funds from a state or federal agency related to the provision of the service to the municipality.

- (2) An agreement for services provided to a municipality:

- (A) in response to a request for assistance; or

- (B) under a compact;

under IC 36-1-7-7 or IC 10-14-3.

**Sec. 3.** As used in this chapter, "contract" means a contract for one (1) or both of the following:

- (1) Fire protection services.
- (2) Emergency medical services.

**Sec. 4.** As used in this chapter, "provider" means any of the following:

- (1) A fire department of a municipality or township.
- (2) A volunteer fire department (as defined in IC 36-8-12-2).
- (3) A fire protection district established under IC 36-8-11.
- (4) A provider of emergency medical services.

**Sec. 5.** As used in this chapter, "services" means fire protection services, emergency medical services, or both.

**Sec. 6.** After June 30, 2016, if a municipality contracts with a provider to receive services, the municipality shall issue a request for proposals and award the contract under IC 5-22-9.



SECTION 3. IC 36-8-13-3, AS AMENDED BY P.L.110-2010, SECTION 37, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 3. (a) The executive of a township, with the approval of the legislative body, may do the following:

(1) Purchase firefighting and emergency services apparatus and equipment for the township, provide for the housing, care, maintenance, operation, and use of the apparatus and equipment to provide services within the township but outside the corporate boundaries of municipalities, and employ full-time or part-time personnel to operate the apparatus and equipment and to provide services in that area. Preference in employment under this section shall be given according to the following priority:

(A) A war veteran who has been honorably discharged from the United States armed forces.

(B) A person whose mother or father was a:

- (i) firefighter of a unit;
- (ii) municipal police officer; or
- (iii) county police officer;

who died in the line of duty (as defined in IC 5-10-10-2).

The executive of a township may give a preference for employment under this section to a person who was employed full-time or part-time by another township to provide fire protection and emergency services and has been laid off by the township. The executive of a township may also give a preference for employment to a firefighter laid off by a city under IC 36-8-4-11. A person described in this subdivision may not receive a preference for employment unless the person applies for employment and meets all employment requirements prescribed by law, including physical and age requirements, and all employment requirements prescribed by the fire department.

(2) Contract with a municipality in the township or in a contiguous township that maintains adequate firefighting or emergency services apparatus and equipment to provide fire protection or emergency services for the township in accordance with IC 36-1-7.

(3) Cooperate with a municipality in the township or in a contiguous township in the purchase, maintenance, and upkeep of firefighting or emergency services apparatus and equipment for use in the municipality and township in accordance with IC 36-1-7 or **IC 36-8-2.5.**

(4) Contract with a volunteer fire department that has been organized to fight fires in the township for the use and operation



of firefighting apparatus and equipment that has been purchased by the township in order to save the private and public property of the township from destruction by fire, including use of the apparatus and equipment in an adjoining township by the department if the department has made a contract with the executive of the adjoining township for the furnishing of firefighting service within the township.

(5) Contract with a volunteer fire department that maintains adequate firefighting service in accordance with IC 36-8-12.

(b) This subsection applies only to townships that provide fire protection or emergency services or both under subsection (a)(1) and to municipalities that have some part of the municipal territory within a township and do not have a full-time paid fire department. A township may provide fire protection or emergency services or both ~~without contracts~~ inside the corporate boundaries of the municipalities **without contracts and under an interlocal cooperation agreement under IC 36-1-7**, if:

(1) the provision of fire protection or emergency services is not subject to IC 36-8-2.5; and

(2) the municipality and township enter into an interlocal cooperation agreement under IC 36-1-7 before July 1 of a year. the following occur:

(1) The legislative body of the municipality adopts an ordinance to have the township provide the services without a contract.

(2) The township legislative body passes a resolution approving the township's provision of the services without contracts to the municipality.

In a township providing services to a municipality under this section, the legislative body of either the township or a municipality in the township may opt out of participation under this subsection by adopting an ordinance or a resolution, respectively; **An interlocal cooperation agreement under this subsection that contains a termination date must have a termination date that occurs** before July 1 of a year.

(c) This subsection applies only to a township that:

(1) is located in a county containing a consolidated city;

(2) has at least three (3) included towns (as defined in IC 36-3-1-7) that have all municipal territory completely within the township on January 1, 1996; and

(3) provides fire protection or emergency services, or both, under subsection (a)(1);

and to included towns (as defined in IC 36-3-1-7) that have all the



1 included town's municipal territory completely within the township. A  
 2 township may provide fire protection or emergency services, or both,  
 3 **that are not subject to IC 36-8-2.5**, without contracts inside the  
 4 corporate boundaries of the municipalities if before August 1 of the  
 5 year preceding the first calendar year to which this subsection applies,  
 6 the township legislative body passes a resolution approving the  
 7 township's provision of the services without contracts to the  
 8 municipality. The resolution must identify the included towns to which  
 9 the resolution applies. In a township providing services to a  
 10 municipality under this section, the legislative body of the township  
 11 may opt out of participation under this subsection by adopting a  
 12 resolution the township enters into an interlocal cooperation  
 13 agreement with the municipality under IC 36-1-7. An interlocal  
 14 cooperation agreement under this subsection that contains a  
 15 termination date must have a termination date that occurs before  
 16 July 1 of a year. A copy of a resolution adopted under this subsection  
 17 an interlocal cooperation agreement shall be submitted to the  
 18 executive of each included town covered by the resolution, agreement,  
 19 the county auditor, and the department of local government finance.

20 (d) Notwithstanding subsections (b) and (c), a township that is  
 21 providing fire protection services or emergency services, or both,  
 22 to a municipality without a contract on July 1, 2015, may continue  
 23 to provide services without contracts inside the corporate  
 24 boundaries of municipalities until the earliest of the following  
 25 dates:

26 (1) The effective date of an interlocal cooperation agreement  
 27 entered into by the township with the municipality under  
 28 IC 36-1-7 for the provision of fire protection services or  
 29 emergency services, or both, within the corporate boundaries  
 30 of the municipality.

31 (2) The effective date of a contract entered into by the  
 32 township with the municipality under IC 36-8-2.5 for the  
 33 provision of fire protection services or emergency services, or  
 34 both, within the corporate boundaries of the municipality.

35 (3) July 1, 2016.

